

## Overview

- Expertise in 19<sup>th</sup>-century American social and women's history, focusing on the professionalization and feminization of librarianship in the West.
- Published author, including the book, *A Pioneering and Independent Spirit: The History of San Jose State University's School of Library and Information Science* (2010), and the article "Depoliticizing the California State Library: The political and professional transformation of James Gillis, 1899–1917," (*Information & Culture*, 2013). The latter received the ALA Library History Round Table's Donald G. Davis 2014 Best Article Award.
- Experienced instructor in topics including information and society, the history of books and libraries, and historical research methods.

## Education

### PhD, History

**University of California, Irvine, Irvine, CA, 1988**

**Dissertation:** Bluestockings and bluenoses: Gender, class, and conflict in the Boston Female Anti-Slavery Society, 1833–1840. Advisor: Dr. Michael Johnson.

### MLIS

**University of California, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA, 1983**

### MA, History

**California State University Fullerton, Fullerton, CA, 1979**

**Thesis:** Right and wrong in abolitionism: The crisis of authority in the Boston Female Anti-Slavery Society, 1833–1840.

### BA, History (High Honors)

**California State University Fullerton, Fullerton, CA, 1975**

## Academic Experience

### Professor, School of Library & Information Science

**San Jose State University, San Jose, CA. 2004–Present.**

- Courses taught: Information and Society; Archives and Manuscripts; History of Books and Libraries; Oral History; Historical Research Methods.
- Chair and advisor to various faculty and student committees, and student thesis committees.

### Associate Professor, School of Library & Information Science

**San Jose State University, San Jose, CA. 1998–2004.**

- Associate Director, Fullerton Campus, 1998–2000.
- Founder and faculty advisor for SAASC, SLIS's student chapter of the Society of American Archivists.
- Courses taught: Information and Society; Archives and Manuscripts; History of Books and Libraries; Internship.

### Assistant Professor, School of Library & Information Science

**San Jose State University, San Jose, CA. 1995–1998.**

- Associate Director, Fullerton Campus.

- Designed and implemented SJSU's archival studies specialization and taught first courses offered at SLIS in this area.
- Coordinator, SLIS Internship Program, Fullerton Campus.
- Courses taught: Reference and Information Services; Advanced Reference and Information Services; Archives and Manuscripts; Academic Libraries; Women in Librarianship.

**Lecturer, School of Library & Information Science  
San Jose State University, San Jose, CA. 1989–1995.**

- Helped pioneer SLIS's distance education program.
- Founder and faculty advisor of LISSTEN, SLIS student organization now called SLIS Connect.
- Courses taught: Reference and Information Services; Advanced Reference and Information Services; Academic Libraries; Women in Librarianship

**Library Experience**

**Curator**

**Anaheim History Archives, Anaheim Public Library, Anaheim, CA. 1989–1990.**

**History Bibliographer/Reference Librarian**

**Honnold-Mudd Library, Claremont Colleges Consortium, Claremont, CA. 1984–1989.**

**Editor/Indexer, Chinese American Oral History Project**

**Asian American Studies Center, University of California-Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA, 1982–1983.**

**Indexer, Center for Oral and Public History**

**California State University-Fullerton, Fullerton, CA. 1975–1979.**

**Publications**

**Books**

Hansen, D. (2010). *A Pioneering and Independent Spirit: The History of San Jose State University's School of Library and Information Science*. Victoria, BC, Canada: Trafford.

Hansen, D. (2009). *Strained Sisterhood: Gender and Class in the Boston Female Antislavery Society* (paperback edition). Amherst, MA: University of Massachusetts Press.

Hansen, D. (1993). *Strained Sisterhood: Gender and Class in the Boston Female Antislavery Society*. Amherst, MA: University of Massachusetts Press.

**Book Chapters**

Hansen, D. (1994). The Boston female anti-slavery society and the limits of gender politics. In J.F. Yellin & J. Van Horne (Eds.), *An Untrodden Path: Antislavery and Women's Political Culture*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press.

Hansen, D. & Ryan, M.P. (1991). Public life in a private culture: Orange County celebrates the Fourth of July. In R. Kling, S. Olin, & M. Poster (Eds.), *Postsuburban California: The Transformation of Orange County Since World War II*. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press.

### Encyclopedia Articles

- Hansen, D. (2009). Oral history in libraries and archives. In M. Bates & M.N. Maack (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of Library and Information Sciences* (3rd edition, pp. 4045–4055). Abingdon, UK: Taylor & Francis.
- Hansen, D. (2006). Libraries and the immigrant in the American west. In G.M. Bakken & A. Kindell (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of Immigration and Migration in the American West* (pp. 404–411). Thousand Oaks, Calif.: SAGE Publications.
- Hansen, D. (2005). Virginia Haviland, librarian, author, critic. In S. Ware (Ed.), *Notable American Women: A Biographical Dictionary* (Vol. 5, 1976–2000, pp. 278–279). Cambridge: Harvard University Press.
- Hansen, D. (2003). Clubs (women's) in the west. In G.M. Bakken & B. Farrington (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of Women in the American West* (pp. 56–65). Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Publications.

### Peer-Reviewed Articles and Papers

- Wakimoto, Diana Kiyo, Hansen, Debra, & Bruce, Christine S. (2013) The case of LLACE: Challenges, triumphs, and lessons of a community archives. *American Archivist*, 76(2), 438-457.
- Hansen, D. (2013, February). Depoliticizing the California State Library: The political and professional transformation of James Gillis, 1899–1917. *Information & Culture*, 48(1), 68–90. [Recipient of the 2014 Donald G. Davis Article Award]
- Hansen, D. (2004, March). Professionalizing library education, the California connection: James Gillis, Everett Perry, and Joseph Daniels. *Library Trends*, 52(4), 963–987.
- Hansen, D. (2000, Spring). A lion in the hennery: Charles F. Lummis and the Los Angeles Public Library, 1905-1910. *Vitai Scholasticae*, 19, 5–33.
- Hansen, D., Gracy, K., & Irvin, S. (1999, September). At the pleasure of the board: Women librarians and the Los Angeles Public Library. *Libraries & Culture* 34(4), 311–346.

### Additional Articles and Papers

- Hansen, Debra (2012). Review of *Waldo Gifford Leland and the Origins of the American Archival Profession* [Review of the book by P.J. Wosh]. *Journal of Western Archives*, 3(1), article 2.
- Hansen, D. (2006, September). Review of *Sister Societies: Women's Antislavery Organizations in Antebellum America* [Review of the book by B.A. Salerno]. *Journal of American History*, 93(2), 527.
- Hansen, D. (2001, January). Review of *Women and Reform in a New England Community, 1815–1860* [Online forum review of the book by C.J. Lawes]. Retrieved from [www.h-net.org/reviews/home.php](http://www.h-net.org/reviews/home.php)
- Hansen, D. (1999, June). Review of *The Great Silent Army of Abolitionism: Ordinary Women in the Antislavery Movement* [Review of the book by J.R. Jeffrey]. *New England Quarterly*, 72(2), 330–333.
- Hansen, D. (1998, December). Review of *Civil War Boston: Home Front & Battlefield* [Review of the book by T.H. O'Connor]. *Journal of American History*, 85(3), 1079.
- Hansen, D., & Irvin, S. (1996). Interactive video and female learning: Implications for a feminized profession. *Feminist Collections*, 17(2), 13–

15.

- Hansen, D. (1994, Winter). Review of *The Fortunate Heirs of Freedom: Abolition & Republican Thought* [Review of the book by D.J. McInerney]. *Journal of the Early Republic*, 14(4), 604–605.
- Hansen, D. (1995, September). Review of *Cultural Crusaders: Women Librarians in the American West, 1900–1917* [Review of the book by J.E. Passet]. *Journal of American History*, 82(2), 785.
- Hansen, D. (1994, October). Review of *Reaching a Multicultural Student Community* [Review of the book by K. Downing, B. Macadam, & D. Nichols]. *Journal of Library and Information Science*, 20, 105–107.
- Hansen, D. (1992, Winter). Review of *Fierce Communion: Family and Community in Early America* [Review of the book by H. Wall]. *History: Reviews of New Books*, 20(2), 52.
- Hansen, D. (1989-1990). Ethnic studies in Orange County. *Journal of Orange County Studies*, 2, 80–84.

## Presentations

### Conference Presentations

- Removing politics from the California State Library: The political transformation of James Gillis*. (2006, November). Paper presented at the meeting of the California Library Association (CLA) Annual Conference, Sacramento, CA.
- Volunteers and interns in archives and manuscript repositories*. (2003, April). Paper presented at the meeting of the Society of California Archivists (SCA)/Northwest Archivists (NWA) Joint Conference, Sacramento, CA.
- Dead last or phoenixing: California's school libraries and the new information literacies*. (2002, February). Panel session presented at the meeting of the California Studies Association (CSA) Annual Conference, San Juan Capistrano/Dana Point, CA.
- Careers in librarianship: What's in it for historians?* (2000, January). Paper presented at the meeting of the American Historical Association (AHA) Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.
- California librarians in 1900*. (2000, November). Paper presented at the meeting of the California Library Association (CLA) Annual Conference, Pasadena, CA.
- Preserving your library's past: Problems and prospects*. (1999, November). Panel session presented at the meeting of the California Library Association (CLA) Annual Conference, Palm Springs, CA.
- Book women: Writing feminist biography*. (1998, November). Panel session presented at the meeting of the California Library Association (CLA) Annual Conference, Oakland, CA.
- Book women: Writing feminist biography*. (1998, October). Panel session presented at the meeting of the University of California-Los Angeles Department of Information Studies Research Forum, Los Angeles, CA.
- Re-engineering the profession*. (1998, May). Panel session presented at the meeting of the Special Libraries Association (SLA) Southern California Chapter, Fullerton, CA.
- Distance education for librarians*. (1998, March). Paper presented at the meeting of the Transborder Library Forum, San Diego, CA.
- Career strategies for librarians in the next millennium*. (1998, February). Panel session presented at the meeting of the California Librarians Black Caucus Meeting, Los Angeles, CA.

*Mary Jones and the LAPL's library wars.* (1997, November). Paper presented at the meeting of the California Library Association (CLA) Annual Conference, Sacramento, CA.

*The tribal library intern project.* (1996, November). Paper presented at the meeting of the California Library Association (CLA) Annual Conference, San Diego, CA.

*Educating California's archivists.* (1996, April). Paper presented at the meeting of the Society of California Archivists (SCA) Annual Conference, Riverside, CA.

#### **Guest Lectures**

*A history of SLIS.* (2011, February). Guest lecture presented at the meeting of the School of Library and Information Science (SLIS) Colloquia Series, San Jose State University, San Jose, CA.

*The librarians versus the walking encyclopedia: Gender politics and professionalization at the Los Angeles Public Library.* (2007, May). Guest lecture presented at the meeting of the School of Library and Information Science (SLIS) Colloquia Series, San Jose State University, Fullerton, CA.

#### **Grants & Contracts**

California Library Association Oral History Project. (2008). Minigrant, San Jose State University. Principal Investigator: Debra Hansen

School of Library and Information Science History Project. (2007). Released Time Grant to Support Student Success, San Jose State University. Principal Investigator: Debra Hansen.

Summer Research Grant. (1999). California State University. Principal Investigator: Debra Hansen

California State Lottery Grant. (1996). California State University. Principal Investigator: Debra Hansen.

California State University Summer Fellowship. (1996). California State University. Principal Investigator: Debra Hansen.

California State Lottery Grant. (1995). California State University. Principal Investigator: Debra Hansen

California Library History. (1994). American Philosophical Society Research Grant. Principal Investigator: Debra Hansen

California State University Summer Fellowship. (1992). California State University. Principal Investigator: Debra Hansen

University of California Humanities Research Grant. (1986). University of California. Principal Investigator: Debra Hansen

University of California Chancellor's Patent Fund Award. (1986). University of California. Principal Investigator: Debra Hansen

University of California Regent's Fellowship. (1983–1984). University of California. Principal Investigator: Debra Hansen.

#### **Honors & Awards**

SJSU College of Applied Sciences and Arts Outstanding Professor, San Jose State University, 2009.

SJSU School of Library and Information Science Outstanding Professor, San Jose State University, 2008.

## Service

### Advisory and Editorial Boards

Mss. Reviewer, *Machine Learning*, 2013.

Judge, California Library Association (CLA) Hall of Fame, 2012–Present.

External Faculty Reviewer, School of Library and Information Science, Louisiana State University, 2011.

Mss. Reviewer, *Journal of Western Archives*, 2011–Present.

Mss. Reviewer, University of Hawaii Press, 2009.

External Faculty Reviewer, University of Hawaii, Manoa, Library and Information Science Program, 2008; 2011.

Mss. Reviewer, *Journal of American History*, 2004; 2006.

Member, Summer Grant Panel, National Endowment for the Humanities, 1993.

Manuscript Reviewer, University of Massachusetts Press, 1993–1995.

Manuscript Reviewer, *Michigan Historical Review*, 1993–1995.

Resources Editor, *Journal of Orange County Studies*, 1988–1992.

Associate Editor, *Oral History Review*, 1980–1987.

Editor, American Society of Indexers *Newsletter*, 1980–1982.

### Professional—National/International

Member at Large, American Library Association (ALA), Library History Round Table Board, 2004–2005.

### Professional—Regional

Chair, California Library History Round Table, 2001–2002; 2005–2006.

Chair, Society of California Archivists (SCA), Publications Committee, 2001–2005.

Program Planning Committee, California Library Association (CLA) Annual Conference, 2001.

Member, California Library Association (CLA) Assembly, 1999–2003.

Program Planning Committee Cochair, Building Bridges to Orange County History Conference, 1999.

Program Cochair, Latino Leadership Conference, cosponsored by San Jose State University School of Library and Information and REFORMA, 1999.

Member, California Library Association (CLA), Education and Recruitment Committee, 1998–2002.

Program Cochair, Visual Resources Association Conference (VRA), 1997.

Member, Local Arrangements Committee, American Historical Association (AHA)—Pacific Coast Branch Annual Conference, 1994.

Program Committee Member, Society of California Archivists (SCA) Annual Conference, 1992.

Local Arrangements Committee Member, Southwest Oral History Association (SOHA) Annual Conference, 1992.

Local Arrangements Committee Member, Society of California Archivists (SCA)

Annual Conference, 1987.

Local Arrangements Committee Member, Oral History Association (OHA)  
Annual Conference, 1986.

### **University**

Chair, Retention, Tenure and Promotion (RTP) Committee, San Jose State University, 2011–2015.

Chair, Faculty Development and Faculty Grant Committee, San Jose State University, 2010–Present.

Co-faculty Advisor, Alumni Association, San Jose State University, 2004–2010.

Co-chair, Curriculum Committee, San Jose State University, 2004–2008.

Founder and Faculty Advisor, Society of American Archivists Student Chapter (SAASC), San Jose State University, 1998–2004.

Member, University Research Committee, San Jose State University, 1998–1999.

Coordinator, SLIS Internship Program, San Jose State University, Fullerton campus, 1995–1998.

Founder and Faculty Advisor, Library and Information Science Students to Encourage Networking (LISSTEN), San Jose State University, 1989–1995. (Now called SLIS Connect.)

### **Doctoral Student Supervision, San Jose Gateway Doctoral Program in Partnership with Queensland University of Technology**

Kathleen McDonald: The public library movement in British Columbia, 2014–Present

Diana Wakimoto: Queer community archives since 1950, 2012.

### **Masters Student Supervision, School of Library and Information Science, San Jose State University**

Lisa Blank: Made Marian: Myth and reality in the Redondo Beach Public Library, 1895–1924, 2013.

Robyn Dexter: Whose job is it? An examination of rules and responsibilities in documenting disasters, 2013.

Evan Carlson: Outrageous pamphleteers: A history of the Communication Company, 1966–1967, 2012. (Winner, 2013 SLIS Outstanding Thesis Award.)

Jack Tilney: Containing obscenity: The Gathings Committee, moral crusades, and paperback books, 2012. (Winner, 2012 University Outstanding Thesis Award.)

Jamie I. Cutter: Getting by at the Benjamin Mays black branch: Library access for African Americans in Jim Crow South Carolina, 2011.

Jeff Frank: The impact of Hurricane Katrina on Gulf Coast libraries and their disaster planning, 2011.

Larissa Brooks: The sheaf catalogs of George John Spencer, 2010. (Winner, 2010 CASA Outstanding Thesis Award.)

Marie Silva: Radical reading: Print culture and the San Francisco labor

movement, 1880–1888, 2010.

Daryn Eller: California librarians and the Vietnam War, 1967–1972, 2009.

Michael Murray: Frederick Beecher Perkins: Library pioneer and curmudgeon, 2009.

Elizabeth Borchardt: Historical archaeologists' utilization of archives: An exploratory study, 2009.

Lynne Kemmer: Information management professionals and programs in U.S. architecture firms, 2009.

Samuel Meister: Recordkeeping in a small non-profit organization, 2009.

Joseph Spencer: The rise of Mormon cultural history and the changing status of the archive, 2009.

Trista Raezer: Libraries in American German prisoner of war camps during World War II, 2008.

John Ridener: From polders to postmodernism: An intellectual history of archival theory, 2007. (Published in 2009 by Library Juice Press.)

April Gage: Speaking freely: An oral history of the Freedom to Read Foundation, 2007. (Winner, 2007 University Outstanding Thesis Award.)

Jessica Lemieux: Phoenix rising: Effects of the 1906 earthquake on California print culture, 2006.

Daryl Fisher-Ogden: The library at Mission San Gabriel Arcangel, 2005.

LeeAnn Rippetue Erwine: An online repository directory for the Society of California Archivists, 2004.

Julie A. Stires: Helen Plummer Goulding, 1870–1959: A librarian's story, 2003.

Carol Moen Wing: "Many Goodly Pleasaunt Bokes": The Royal Library of Henry VII, 2002. (Winner, 2002 University Outstanding Thesis Award.)

Sarah Way: Building the competitive edge: A handbook for starting a corporate library, 1999.

Rosalind A. Srivastava: An archive collection of Charley (Clayton) Howe photographs, 1947–1972, 1999.

Arel Lucas: Rare clips, 1998.

Betty Lorraine Knutson: Carl Martin Luck Memorial Library, San Juan Bautista, California: A case study, 1998.

Robin Louise Babou: A bibliometric study of the reviews of small press sociology books, 1997.

Yuko Kikukawa-Neal: Legal reference services in public library, 1996.

Jacqueline Laureen Collins: Oral history management, 1994.

Albert R. Rice: The Huntington Library's early nineteenth-century sheet music and its publishers, 1994.

## **Community Service**

Consultant, Orange Public Library, Cypress Street Barrio Oral History Project, Orange, CA, 2005–2006.

Project Director, Pasadena Public Library Archives Project, Pasadena, CA, 2004.



Consultant, California Civil Liberties Public Education Program Grant for the James M. Omura Memoir Project, funded by the California State Library, Fullerton, CA, 1999–2002.

Consultant, Orange County School District Learning Technology Grant, awarded by the California State Library, Anaheim, CA, 1999–2002.

Consultant, Anaheim City School District, Learning Technology Grant, awarded by the California State Library, Anaheim, CA, 1998–2002.

Consultant, California State University, San Marcos, Archives and Records Management Project, San Marcos, CA, 1998–1999.

Project Director, Fullerton Union High School Archives, Fullerton, CA, 1994.

Consultant, California Department of Transportation, Loma Prieta Earthquake Archives, San Francisco, CA, 1993.

## **Memberships**

### **Current**

Association for Information Science & Technology (ASIS&T), 2011–Present.

Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE), 2009–Present.

Southwest Oral History Association (SOHA), 2000–Present.

Organization of American Historians (OAH), 1990–Present.

California Library Association (CLA), 1989–Present.

American Library Association (ALA), 1985–Present.

Oral History Association (OHA), 1978–Present.

### **Past**

Society of American Archivists (SAA), 1990–2011.

Society of California Archivists (SCA), 1985–2012.

American Historical Association (AHA), 1983–2005.

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